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COMMITTEE MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG

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SUMMARY: HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 31-JUNE 2 SCIENCE COMMITTEE
MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG INCLUDED DISCUSSION ON TWENTIETH
ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION, 1978 BUDGET, PREFERENTIAL
TREATMENT FOR LESS SCIENTIFICALLY ADVANCED ALLIES, AND
THE PROPOSAL FROM A DEFENSE RESEARCH GROUP (DRG) PANEL
III WORKING GROUP THAT THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE ESTABLISH
A SUBCOMMITTEE ON MARITIME REMOTE SENSING. AIRGRAM
PROVIDING DETAILS OF MEETING WILL FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY: AT ITS MAY 31-JUNE 2 MEETING
SCIENCE COMMITTEE SET DATES FOR TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
CONFERENCE: APRIL 11-13, 1978. WITH COOPERATION
OF BELGIAN GOVERNMENT, CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN
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PALAIS D'EGMONT IN BRUSSELS. EACH REP AGREED TO
FURNISH ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OZDAS WITH NAMES
OF PERSONS FROM HIS COUNTRY WHO SHOULD BE INVITED
TO FIRST TWO DAYS OF CONFERENCE. COMMITTEE AGREED
THAT USA SHOULD HAVE HIGHEST NUMBER (30) OF ATTENDEES;
THE LARGER ALLIES 20 EACH, AND THE REST 10 EACH.
LETTERS OF INVITATION WILL BE SENT BY SYG LUNS OR

OZDAS. ON LAST HALF DAY OF CONFERENCE THE INVITEES WILL INCLUDE: NATO PERMREPS AND DEPUTIES, AMBASSADORS OF NATO COUNTRIES TO BELGIUM AND EC, CHAIRMEN OF NATO PANELS, FORMER ASYG'S OF SCIENCE DIVISION AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SENIOR SCIENCE OFFICIALS AND SCIENTISTS FROM NATO COUNTRIES. SCIENCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET IMMEDIATELY AFTER FINAL SESSION OF CONFERENCE TO SUM UP PRINCIPAL POINTS OF DISCUSSIONS AND PREPARE A MESSAGE FOR NATO HEADS OF STATE SPRING MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

2. 1978 BUDGET.

IN INTRODUCING 1978 BUDGET, OZDAS EXPLAINED THAT 9 PERCENT INCREASE WAS MEANT TO MAINTAIN REAL VALUE OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS. NINE PERCENT FIGURE WAS COMPOSITE BASED ON INFLATIONARY RATE OF MAJOR MEMBER COUNTRIES. ALL DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED SUCH AN INCREASE. US REP RECOMMENDED THAT OZDAS ALSO CONSIDER REQUESTING A 3 PERCENT REAL PROGRAM INCREASE, WHICH WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH INCREASE FOR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES (REF B). ALTHOUGH WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, ALL REPS WITH EXCEPTION OF FRG AND FRENCH SPOKE IN FAVOR OF US SUGGESTION. FRG REP, WHILE PERSONALLY SYMPATHETIC, FEARED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT SUPPORT SUCH AN INCREASE WITHOUT A PROGRAM INNOVATION. FRENCH REP (NEEL) DID NOT THINK IT PROPER TO COMMENT ON SUBJECT OF BUDGET. UK REP (EDWARDS) FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT SCIENCE DIVISION DEVELOP A "FORWARD-LOOKING" BUDGET THAT

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RECOMMENDED INCREASES OVER NEXT SEVERAL YEARS TO OVERCOME EROSION CAUSED BY INFLATION.

3. PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR LESS SCIENTIFICALLY ADVANCED ALLIES.

CANADIAN REP WALKER) SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE OUGHT TO REVIEW ITS PROGRAMS TO SEE IF ITS OBJECTIVE OF AIDING GREECE, PORTUGAL, AND TURKEY WAS BEING MET. NORWEGIAN REP (FINN LIED) RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE CLEARLY STATE THAT AS A MATTER OF POLICY IT FAVORED PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR THESE COUNTRIES. US (NIERENBERG) FRG PESTEL), BELGIUM (CERULUS) ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED THIS RECOMMENDATION AND ENTIRE COMMITTEE WAS SYMPATHETIC. AT COMMITTEE'S REQUEST, GREEK (CONTOPOULOS), PORTUGUESE (MARTINS) AND TURKISH (ERGIN) REPS WILL DRAFT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER DURING ITS OCTOBER MEETING. THEY WILL PASS COPY OF DRAFT TO THE US REP BEFORE THE MEETING.

4. MARITIME REMOTE SENSING PROPOSAL.

SCIENCE DIVISION STAFF MEMBER DILULLO REPORTED THAT IN A MAY 16-18, 1977, MEETING, A DRG PANEL III WORKING GROUP PROPOSED THAT THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE ESTABLISH A SUBCOMMITTEE TO FACILITATE ALLIED COORDINATION AND COOPERATION IN SHALLOW WATER AND COASTAL ZONE REMOTE SENSING RESEARCH. IN PARTICULAR, THE GROUP HOPES THAT NATO NORTH SEA REMOTE SENSING EXPERIMENTS COULD BE CONDUCTED IN 1979 TO TAKE

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ADVANTAGE OF UPCOMING SATELLITE OVERFLIGHTS:
SEASAT-A AND NIMBUS-G. NORWEGIAN REP CONSIDERED
SUCH RESEARCH POLITICALLY SENSITIVE AND URGED
CARE BE TAKEN TO AVOID CONFLICT BETWEEN COMMITTEE
AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC AGENCIES. US REP SUGGESTED THAT
COMMITTEE EMPOWER OZDAS TO APPOINT AD HOC WORKING GROUP
CONSISTING OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND EXPERTS TO STUDY
PROPOSAL AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AT OCTOBER MEETING.
HE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT IF NECESSARY, UP TO \$10,000 OF
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUNDS BE USED TO FACILITATE AD

HOC GROUP'S WORK. COMMITTEE, TRYING TO BE HELPFUL
IN THIS AREA, APPROVED BOTH RECOMMENDATIONS AND WILL
DECIDE HOW BEST TO PROCEED AT ITS NEXT MEETING.
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